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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Eric P. Gibbs et al.Application No./Patent No.: 09/975,749 Filed/Issue Date: October 10, 2001Entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DATA TRANSFER OPTOMIZATION IN A  
PORTABLE AUDIO DEVICEInteractive Objects, Inc.

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Date

Richard P. Barber

Typed or printed name

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Eric P. Gibbs and Mark E. Phillips (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having mailing addresses of 2918 NW Esplanade Street, Seattle, Washington 98117, and 3028 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West, Seattle, Washington 98119, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DATA TRANSFER OPTIMIZATION IN A PORTABLE AUDIO DEVICE," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on October 10, 2001 and assigned Application No. 09/975,749. This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/240,776, filed on October 13, 2000.

WHEREAS, Interactive Objects, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at 12600 SE 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 150, Bellevue, Washington 98006, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

Date 12/13/01Eric P. Gibbs  
Eric P. GibbsState of Wa)County of King)

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Eric P. Gibbs is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated 12/13/01Signature of Notary Public Dana K. StilesPrinted Name Dana K. StilesMy appointment expires 5/29/05Date 12/13/01Mark E. Phillips  
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